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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR AND LEGATT SCHERRER

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, CI

SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION

1. FBI SA CORNICK LEFT FOR CHILE MAY 16; WE UNDERSTAND
SCHERRER IS IN SANTIAGO.

2. U.S. ATTORNEYS PROPPER AND BARCELLA NEED TO TRAVEL
ON WEEKEND MAY 20 BECAUSE OF TIME PRESSURE FROM MID-JUNE
LEGAL DEADLINES FOR FILING OF INDICTMENTS. PROPPER
CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT GENERAL OROZCO, WHOM WE
UNDERSTAND HAS PLANS TO BE OUT OF THE COUNTRY, BE PRESENT
FOR CONSULTATION AND TO FACILITATE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT

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OF THE CASE. REQUEST THAT YOU CONVEY TO FOREIGN MINISTER
CUBILLOS, TO OROZCO HIMSELF, OR ANYONE ELSE IN GOC YOU
DEEM APPROPRIATE OUR DEEP CONCERN THAT OROZCO MIGHT BE
ABSENT DURING THIS MOST IMPORTANT PHASE OF THE INVESTIGA-
TION. PROPPER REQUESTS THAT YOU CONFIRM BY FRIDAY
MORNING MAY 19 THAT OROZCO WILL BE AVAILABLE. PLEASE MAKE
CLEAR THAT OROZCO'S PRESENCE SEEMS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT

FOR OUR CONTINUING COOPERATION.

3. PROPPER ALSO ASKS THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE BY LEGAL ATTACHE SCHERRER TO MAKE THE SERVICES OF BUENOS AIRES LEGATT OFFICE SECRETARY MS. GLORIA KING AVAILABLE AS INTERPRETER DURING PERIOD OF PROPPER/BARCELLA VISIT IN CHILE. OTHERWISE, REQUEST AMBASSADOR LANDAU CONSIDER WHETHER HE HAS AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE ON HIS STAFF IN SANTIAGO WHO IS CAPABLE ENOUGH IN SPANISH TO ACT AS INTERPRETER FOR THIS MATTER. PROPPER REQUESTS THAT SUCH A PERSON NOT RPT NOT BE SOMEONE WORKING ON THE LETELIER CASE AND NOT SOMEONE WITH DECISION RESPONSIBILITIES AFFECTING THE CASE. AS A LAST RESORT, DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO CONSIDER TDY OF INTERPRETER FROM WASHINGTON. VANCE

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